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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 71.4 degrees, 0.2 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, August 10. Precipitation averaged 1.23 inches, 0.27 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 19 points below normal.

Reporters rated 2.0 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, August 8. This is 4.9 days less than last year and 3.6 days less than the 1998-02 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 1 percent short, 53 percent adequate, and 46 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2003	2.0	4.9	62.8
2002	6.9	6.3	79.1
1998-2002 Average	5.6	5.7	86.4

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	1	53	46
Last Week	0	3	77	30
Same Week Last Year	54	34	12	0
1998-2002 Average	24	29	42	5

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Reporters estimate 93 percent of **Corn** is silking. This is four days ahead of 2002 but two days behind the 1998-2002 average. Corn is 24 percent in dough. This is slightly higher than last year but seven days behind the five-year

average. Ninety-two percent of **Soybeans** are blooming, compared to 88 percent for last year and 95 percent for the five-year average. Respondents estimated 52 percent of soybeans are setting pods. This is one day ahead of 2002 but six days behind the 1998-2002 average. Sixty percent of **Oats** have been harvested. This is seven days behind last year and 10 days behind the five-year average. The second cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 72 percent complete and the third cutting is 11 percent complete. The second cutting of **Other hay** is 51 percent complete and the third cutting is seven percent complete. **Potato** growers have 11 percent of their crops harvested. This is four days behind last year and nine days behind the 1998-2002 average. Fruit producers have 62 percent of **Summer Apples** harvested and 42 percent of **Peaches** harvested. Vegetable growers have harvested 30 percent of their **Cucumbers**.

Most field activities last week were reduced by frequent afternoon showers. Producers in areas that were too wet went to their local county fairs. In between the rains, growers harvested oats, baled hay, and sprayed soybeans. Vegetable producers harvested sweet corn, squash, tomatoes, peppers, onions, broccoli, cucumbers, and green beans. Farmers mowed weeds, worked on fence lines and repaired equipment. Producers prepared bins and dryers for the fall harvest. Growers spread manure on wheat stubble in drier areas.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated 63 percent good to excellent condition. Respondents have indicated corn is yellowing in excessively moist areas. Pasture was rated at 71 percent good to excellent condition. Pastures are reported to be growing very well but some are being damaged by livestock in heavily grazed locations. Hay was rated at 51 percent good to excellent condition. Harvesting hay continues to be a problem due to excess moisture. Respondents have indicated a heavy presence of mosquitos, deer flies, and horse flies.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Crop	2003	2002	1998-02 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa hay 2 nd cutting	72	97	96	71	NA
Alfalfa hay 3 rd cutting	11	33	36	10	NA
Corn silking	93	88	96	80	86
Corn in dough	24	23	45	9	19
Cucumbers harvested	30	46	51	21	NA
Oats harvested	60	84	87	41	40
Other hay 2 nd cutting	51	78	80	48	NA
Other hay 3 rd cutting	7	20	19	4	NA
Peaches harvested	42	51	55	39	NA
Potatoes harvested	11	14	20	6	NA
Soybeans blooming	92	88	95	82	82
Soybeans setting pods	52	48	70	33	40
Summer apples harvested	62	53	67	47	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	26	42	21
Previous Week	3	8	27	44	18
Previous Year	27	30	30	12	1
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	9	35	41	10
Previous Week	4	8	31	48	9
Previous Year	13	29	35	21	2
OATS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	41	44	7
Previous Week	2	5	44	44	5
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	4	24	57	14
Previous Week	1	4	26	54	15
Previous Year	29	32	28	10	1
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	30	43	16
Previous Week	3	10	30	43	14
Previous Year	20	31	34	14	1

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days ^{1/}			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	71.8	0.7	1.20	0.31	21.60	6.07	133	-13	1892	-125
North Central	71.6	0.5	0.75	-0.18	20.31	4.40	130	-16	1878	-100
Northeast	70.8	0.7	1.30	0.36	25.76	9.35	125	-15	1716	-146
West Central	71.5	-0.3	1.05	0.14	23.33	6.18	133	-18	2007	-92
Central	71.4	-0.5	1.17	0.16	20.94	3.64	130	-22	2030	-90
Central Hills	71.1	0.5	0.76	-0.20	21.33	4.29	128	-15	1892	-74
Northeast Hills	70.8	-0.2	1.29	0.42	22.58	5.72	125	-21	1888	-103
Southwest	71.7	-1.2	0.98	0.03	22.78	4.66	132	-25	2105	-107
South Central	71.9	-1.3	2.13	1.02	26.08	9.05	133	-25	2168	-74
Southeast	71.3	-0.6	1.45	0.44	22.71	5.58	129	-22	2022	-88
STATE	71.4	-0.2	1.23	0.27	22.75	5.89	130	-19	1970	-100

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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